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## Listing of Claims.

Please amend the claims as shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application.

- 1. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
  - (a) a nucleotide sequence encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3;
  - (b) Sequence ID NO:1;
  - (c) Sequence ID NO:2; and
  - (d) a nucleotide sequence at least 90% identical to a sequence of (a) to (c); and
  - (d) (e) a nucleotide sequence completely complementary to a sequence of (a) to (c) (d).

## 2-6 (Cancelled)

- 7. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid <u>consisting comprising a nucleotide</u> sequence of at least 10 consecutive nucleotides of a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of Sequence ID No. 1, Sequence ID No. 2 and a sequence completely complementary to either of said nucleotide sequences.
- 8. (Original) The nucleic acid of claim 7, wherein said sequence is used as a probe or a primer.
- 9. (Previously presented) A recombinant vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid of claim 1.
- 10. (Previously presented) An isolated host cell comprising the recombinant vector of claim 9.

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11-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously presented) A process for recombinantly producing a protein comprising culturing an isolated host cell comprising a recombinant vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 1 under conditions whereby the encoded protein is expressed and isolating the expressed protein.

20-49. (Cancelled)

- 50. (Previously presented) A recombinant vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid of claim 7.
- 51. (Previously presented) An isolated host cell comprising the recombinant vector of claim 50.

52-58. (Cancelled)